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SUBJ: SCS HANDBOOK ON PROTECTION OF ARRESTED NATIONAL

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- 1. EMBASSY WELCOMES NEW HANDBOOK ON "PROTECTION OF AMERICAN NATIONALS ARRESTED, ON TRIAL, OR IMPRISONED", AND HOPES SIMILAR HANDBOOKS WILL BE FORTHCOMING, PARTICULARLY ON DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES AND ON DEATHS AND ESTATES.
- 2. EMBASSY REQUESTS EXCEPTION TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT PRISONERS BE VISITED AT LEAST ONCE AMONTH FOR THOSE IMPRISONED OUTSIDE OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT (TEGUCIGALPA). AT PRESENT ONLY ONE AMERICAN IMPRISONED ELSEWHERE (SAN PEDRO SULA) AND ARRESTS ELSEWHERE ARE UNCOMMON. CONSOFF VISITS SAN PEDRO SULA ON REGULAR SCHEDULE EVERY TWO MONTHS. CIRCUMSTANCES OF IMPRISONMENT ON U.S. CITIZEN PRESENTLY INCARCERATED THESE DO NOT, IN EMBASSY'S OPINION, REQUIRE MORE REGULAR VISITS THAN THAT. DIFFICULTY OF TRANSPORTATION AND HEAVY OFFICE WORKLOAD MILITATE AGAINST MORE FREQUENT TRIPS UNLESS WARRANTED BY INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. PLEASE ADVISE.
- 3. EMBASSY UNCLEAR ABOUT NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON PAGE 9.
 DOES DEPARTMENT WANT TELEGRAPHIC REPORT, AIRGRAM, OR OM; INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OR A VISIT REPORT CONSOLIDATING ALL NATIONALS
 SEEN? ALTHOUGH GIVEN LIMITED NUMBER OF PRISONERS AT THIS POST,
 NEW REQUIREMENT WILL INPOSE NO HANDSHIP CONSOFFS FRANKLY CONSIDER
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